

Inside: Top Healthcare Jobs in DC

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District Residents at Work

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Featuring:

Latasha Stevenson, CNA

*Focused on her career,
passionate and caring
for others.*



TOP HEALTHCARE JOBS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

| Occupation | Annual Wage* | Training | Job Description |
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| Home Health Aides | \$19,450 | Short-term on-the-job training | Help the sick at home |
| Nursing Aides/Orderlies | \$24,530 | State-approved training/certification & short-term on-the-job training | Help the sick in institutions |
| Psychiatric Aides | \$27,290 | State-approved training/certification & short-term on-the-job training | Assist mentally-impaired or emotionally disturbed individuals |
| Occupational Therapist Assistants | \$35,720 | Associate Degree or Certification plus on-the job training | Help clients with rehabilitative activities and exercises |
| Occupational Therapist Aides | \$27,980 | On-the-job training | Prepare materials and assemble equipments used during treatment; clerical work |
| Physical Therapist Assistants | \$36,690 | Associate Degree | Help to improve client's mobility; relieve pain; and prevent or limit further physical disabilities |
| Massage Therapists | \$43,850 | Certification plus on-the-job training | Massage for hygienic or remedial purposes |
| Dental Assistants | \$36,690 | Certification plus on-the-job training | Assist dentists with patient care |
| Medical Assistants | \$31,640 | Certification plus on-the-job training | Assist doctors and nurses with patient care |
| Medical Equipment Preparers | \$28,040 | Short-term on-the-job training | Prepare, sterilize, and clean medical equipments |
| Medical Transcriptionists | \$34,240 | Post secondary and on-the-job training | Transcribe dictated recordings made by health professional |
| Pharmacy Aides | \$28,250 | On-the-job training | Handle administrative duties in running a pharmacy |
| Veterinary/Assistants Laboratory Animal Caretakers | \$26,660 | Certification plus on-the-job training | Assist with the care of sick animals |

Did you know that...

- Ten out of 20 occupations projected to grow the fastest are concentrated in health services ?
- About 16 percent of all new wage and salary jobs created between 2002 and 2012 will be in health services – 3.5 million jobs, which is more than in any other industry ?
- Hundreds of local jobs in health services can be accessed through the District's Virtual One-Stop at www.dcnetworks.org?

Source: US Department of Labor, visit www.dol.gov

Featured Career

Certified Nursing Assistants

Care and Compassion. These are the two most basic and important soft skills required for those interested in pursuing a career as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). Also known as Home Health Aides, Personal Care Assistants, Nurse's Aides, Patient Care Technicians, CNAs obtain their certification by attending a 180-hour District training program through DOES.

Career opportunities are available in nursing homes, hospitals, adult health centers, assisted living facilities, or at an individual's home. The mean wage is approximately \$11.18 per hour.

The importance of the CNA's role and responsibility to their clients can never be overstated. They aid clients with daily and basic living tasks that range from dressing, bathing and feeding their clients to administering catheter care, checking vital signs, and helping with motion exercises as prescribed by a doctor, nurse, or physical therapist. Minor domestic work such as keeping the client's room and belongings neat and organized may also be necessary.

Most important, because CNAs work closely with clients, they provide vital information to doctors and nurses on the health and well-being of their clients.



Education, other Skills Sets, and Responsibilities

Most nursing aides have high school diplomas and almost a third have some college education. A Certified Nursing Assistant's license (CNA) can be obtained by enrolling in the previously mentioned 180-hour District sponsored training course through the Department of Employment Services.

Important skills for nursing assistants are listening, teaching others, speaking well, and managing their own time and the time of others.

Nursing aides employed in nursing care facilities often are the principal caregivers and therefore, have primary responsibility for the daily care and comfort of clients.

Latasha Stevenson Certified Nursing Assistant- Providing care and comfort to those in need



For Latasha Stevenson, becoming a certified nursing assistant meant realizing her true calling. Her sister, a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), had served as a role model and an inspiration. So, it came as no surprise to family members when she signed up at the Department of Employment Services (DOES) Naylor Road One-Stop Career Center for professional training and placement to become a certified nursing assistant.

The Ward 7 resident began her career path while attending Margaret Murray Washington Center High School where she became a licensed Emergency Medical Technician (ETM) in her senior year. She completed a Medical Assistant Program at the Sanz School, further expanding her knowledge and skills in the health care profession.

Latasha's career was beginning to take form. Her desire to directly touch the lives of people unable to help themselves, became a personal passion. Upon completing the DOES One-Stop Career Center CNA Training Program, Latasha obtained her CNA license and then focused on geriatric care. Soon, she began working full time as a certified nursing assistant at the Little Sisters of the Poor, a retirement home in Northeast DC, providing comfort and care to many aging low-income residents. "The best thing about my job," says Latasha, "is the residents. I love them, and they are so appreciative."

Jobseekers Toolkit

DCNetworks Virtual One-Stop System

Imagine accessing important employment information at your leisure – anytime of the day—or night! The District's Virtual One-Stop system is an on-line tool that offers jobseekers and other interested parties immediate access to important employment and labor market information, programs, and services. Through Internet access ...

Jobseekers Can:

- * Prepare resumes
- * Conduct vocational training searches
- * Research prospective employers/companies

Employers Can:

- * Post job vacancies
- * Review resumes on-line
- * Schedule job interviews

Spanish Speakers as well as the visually impaired can now access the District's Virtual One-Stop system.

You may also visit DOES' Virtual One-Stop system at www.dcnetworks.org or call 202.724.7000. Our One-Stop Career Centers are strategically located throughout the District to accommodate residents who prefer on-site service.

At the Department of Employment Services'

Find a job
Create an Online Resume
Research an Employer
Explore a Career
Learn about the Job Market
Learn about Education and Training
Get Area, Industry, or Occupational Profiles



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Resources for Healthcare Careers

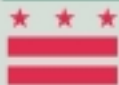
Catholic University Latino Nursing Career Opportunity Program has scholarships of up to \$7,000. To see if you are eligible visit www.nursing.cua.edu/latino



Urban Alliance prepares young people for careers in healthcare. Visit www.urbanalliancefoundation.org



| One-Stop Career Center | Location | Hours of Operation |
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| Franklin One-Stop Career Center * | 1500 Franklin St., NE Washington, DC 20018 | Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. |
| Naylor Road One-Stop Career Center * | 2626 Naylor Road, SE Washington, DC 20020 | Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. |
| South Capitol One-Stop Career Center/ CVS | 4049 S. Capitol St., SW Washington, DC 20032 | Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. |
| A. Philip Randolph Worker Center/Satellite One-Stop Career Center | 6210 N. Capitol St., NW Washington, DC 20011 | Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. |
| Business Improvement District (BID) Satellite One-Stop Career Center | 945 G Street, NW Washington, DC 20001 | Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. |
| U.S. Veterans Assistance Center, Veterans Affairs Regional Office | 1722 I Street, NW Room 335 Washington, DC 20421 | Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. |
| Euclid Street Satellite One-Stop Career Center | 1704 Euclid St., NW Washington, DC 20009 | Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. |



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